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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$252.
 - \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1122.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ralph et al.

Group: 3732

Serial No.: 10/001,937

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: 25 October 2001

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REDUCING FRACTURED BONE USING A FRACTURE
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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

- I. ☒ This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed
14 January 2002.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date
Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. ☒ No original declaration or oath was filed and enclosed is the original declaration or oath
for this application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being transmitted therewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Mary Szollar

(Type or print name of person mailing paper)

Date: 7 March 2002

(Signature of person mailing paper)

OR

- ☐ The original declaration or oath which was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.41(a) points out that "Full names must be stated, including the family name and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial."

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: Acceptable minimums in the declaration for identification of the specification to which it applies are the name of the inventor AND (1) SERIAL NUMBER (2) ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER WHICH WAS ON THE APPLICATION AS FILED AND THE FILING DATE (3) TITLE OF THE INVENTION AND FILING DATE (4) TITLE OF INVENTION AND REFERENCE TO A SPECIFICATION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION AND FILED WITH THE DECLARATION OR (5) TITLE OF INVENTION AND A STATEMENT BY A REGISTERED ATTORNEY THAT THE APPLICATION FILED IN THE PTO IS THE APPLICATION WHICH THE INVENTOR EXECUTED BY SIGNING THE DECLARATION. IF IDENTIFICATION (4) IS USED IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT THAT THE "ATTACHED" SPECIFICATION IS A COPY OF THE SPECIFICATION AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WHICH WERE FILED IN THE PTO TO OBTAIN THE FILING DATE; SUCH A STATEMENT MUST BE A VERIFIED STATEMENT IF MADE BY A PERSON NOT REGISTERED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PTO. NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1983 (1035 O.G. 3).

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 CFR 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☒ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims _ inclusive.

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

IV.

- ☐ Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 CFR 1.69(b).

NOTE: The translation for a regular application filed in a foreign language must be verified. 37 CFR 1.52(d).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

V.

☒ The applicant is a small entity and is entitled to Small Entity Status.

VI.

COMPLETION FEES

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 CFR 1.53(d).

NOTE: The filing fees, fees for claims and surcharge fees listed below in items 1, 2 and 3 are reduced by 50% where proof of a small entity status is established on or before the date the fee is paid. If the full fee was paid but a verified statement is filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. 37 CFR 1.28(a).

1. Filing fee

☒ original patent application (37 CFR 1.16(a))
\$740.00; Small entity-\$370.00 \$ 370.00

☐ design application (37 CFR 1.16(f))
\$330.00; small entity-\$165.00 \$ _____

2. fees for claims

☒ each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 CFR 1.16(b)-\$84.00; small entity-\$42.00) \$ 126.00

☒ each claim in excess of 20
(37 CFR 1.16(c)-\$18.00; small entity-\$9.00) \$ 56.00

☒ multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 CFR 1.16(d)-\$280.00; small entity-\$140.00) \$ 140.00

3. surcharge fees

☒ late payment of filing fee

and/or

☒ late filing of original declaration or oath
(37 CFR 1.16(e)-\$130.00; small entity-\$65.00); \$ 65.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 CFR 1.16(e).

4. ☐ petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors
or a person not the inventor
(37 CFR 1.17(h) and 1.47-\$130.00) \$ _____

5. ☐ fee for processing an application filed with a specification
in a non-English language
(37 CFR 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)-\$130.00) \$ _____

6. ☐ fee for processing and retention of application (37 CFR 1.21(l) and 1.53(d) - \$300.00) \$ _____

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 CFR 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of S 1.21(1) within 1 year of notification under S1.53(d) must be paid.

Total completion fees \$ 755.00

VII.

EXTENSION OF TIME

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1960.00	\$985.00

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If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

or

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

VIII.

TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 755.00

Extension fee (if any) \$ 0.0

TOTAL FEE DUE \$ 755.00

IX.

PAYMENT OF FEES

- ☒ enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 795.00 (includes assignment recordal)
- ☐ charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 CFR 1.22(b).

X.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

WARNING: ACCURATELY COUNT CLAIMS, ESPECIALLY MULTIPLE DEPENDANT CLAIMS, TO AVOID UNEXPECTED HIGH CHARGES IF EXTRA CLAIMS ARE AUTHORIZED.

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 06-2360.
- ☒ 37 CFR 1.16 (a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- ☒ 37 CFR 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- ☒ 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☒ 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

WARNING: WHILE 37 CFR 1.17(A), (B), (C) AND (D) DEAL WITH EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER S 1.136(A) THIS AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE MADE ONLY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT: "SUBMISSION OF THE APPROPRIATE EXTENSION FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A) IS TO NO AVAIL UNLESS A REQUEST OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION IS FILED." (EMPHASIS ADDED). NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).


- ☐ 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 CFR 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application ... prior to paying, or at the time of paying ... issue fee" From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

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**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT
OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**

NOTE: "In order for an application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending national application, the prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112." 37 CFR 1.78(a).

NOTE: "IN ADDITION THE PRIOR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) COMPLETE AS SET FORTH IN S 1.51, OR (2) ENTITLED TO A FILING DATE AS SET FORTH IN S 1.53(B) AND INCLUDE THE BASIC FILING FEE SET FORTH IN S 1.16; OR (3) ENTITLED TO A FILING DATE AS SET FORTH IN S 1.53(B) AND HAVE PAID THEREIN THE PROCESSING AND RETENTION FEE SET FORTH IN S 1.21(L) WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN S 1.53(D)." 37 CFR 1.78(A).

17. Relate Back-35 U.S.C. 120

NOTE: "ANY APPLICATION CLAIMING THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED COPENDING NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN OR BE AMENDED TO CONTAIN IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE SPECIFICATION FOLLOWING THE TITLE A REFERENCE TO SUCH PRIOR APPLICATION IDENTIFYING IT BY SERIAL NUMBER AND FILING DATE OR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER AND INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE AND INDICATING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE APPLICATIONS." 37 CFR 1.78(A). SEE ALSO THE NOTICE OF APRIL 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 TO 46).

[X] The specification includes the following recitation:

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Related Application: This application claims the benefit of United States provisional application Serial No. 60/243,194 filed 25 October 2000.

NOTE: THE PROPER REFERENCE TO A PRIOR FILED PCT APPLICATION WHICH ENTERED THE U.S. NATIONAL PHASE IS THE U.S. SERIAL NUMBER AND THE FILING DATE OF THE PCT APPLICATION WHICH DESIGNATED THE U.S.

NOTE: (1) WHERE THE APPLICATION BEING TRANSMITTED ADDS SUBJECT MATTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION THEN THE FILING CAN BE AS A CONTINUATION-IN-PART OR (2) IT IS DESIRED TO DO SO FOR OTHER REASONS, E.G. WHERE NO DECLARATION IS AVAILABLE, NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION IS AVAILABLE OR NO FEE IS TO BE PAID ON FILING THEN THE FILING CAN BE AS A CONTINUATION. IN THESE CASES THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION DESIGNATING THE U.S. IS TREATED AS THE PARENT CASE IN THE U.S. AND IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371(C)(4) WHICH MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 1.61(A). THIS ALTERNATIVE PERMITS THE COMPLETION OF THE FILING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN ANY TERM SET BY THE PTO UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(D) TO WHICH THE EXTENSION PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136(A) APPLY. (WHEREAS, IF THE FILING IS AS AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING THE U.S. STAGE THEN THE FEE, DECLARATION AND/OR ENGLISH TRANSLATION (WHERE NECESSARY) IS DUE WITHIN 20 MONTHS OF THE PRIORITY DATE BUT CAN BE PAID WITHIN 22 MONTHS OF THE PRIORITY DATE (OR IS DUE WITHIN 30 MONTHS OF THE PRIORITY DATE BUT CAN BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 32 MONTHS OF THE PRIORITY DATE) WITH THE SURCHARGES SET FORTH IN 37 CFR 1.492(E), (F) AND 37 CFR 1.495(C); HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THIS 22 OR (32 MONTH) PERIOD. 37 CFR 1.61(B).)

NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE IN THE U.S. FOR AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION WAS CLARIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF APRIL 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 TO 46) AS FOLLOWS:

"The Patent and Trademark Office considers the International application to be pending until the 22nd month from the priority date if the United States has been designated and no Demand for International Preliminary Examination has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date and until the 32nd month from the priority date if a Demand for International Preliminary Examination which elected the United States of America has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the

priority date, provided that a copy of the international application has been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively. If a copy of the international application has not been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively, the international application becomes abandoned as to the United States 20 or 30 months from the priority date respectively. These periods have been placed in the rules as paragraph (h) of S 1.494 and paragraph (i) of S 1.495. A continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 365(c) and 120 may be filed anytime during the pendency of the international application."

18. Relate Back-35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

The prior U.S. application(s), including any prior International Application designating the U.S., identified above in item 17, in turn itself claim(s) foreign priority (ies) as follows:

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The certified copy (ies) has (have)

☐ been filed on _____ in prior application 0 / _____ which was filed on _____.

☐ is (are) attached

WARNING: THE CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PRIORITY APPLICATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE PTO BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU MAY NOT BE RELIED ON WITHOUT ANY NEED TO FILE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PRIORITY APPLICATION IN THE CONTINUING APPLICATION. THIS IS SO BECAUSE THE CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PRIORITY APPLICATION COMMUNICATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU IS PLACED IN A FOLDER AND IS NOT ASSIGNED A U.S. SERIAL NUMBER UNLESS THE NATIONAL STAGE IS ENTERED. SUCH FOLDERS ARE DISPOSED OF IF THE NATIONAL STAGE IS NOT ENTERED. THEREFORE SUCH CERTIFIED COPIES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED LATER IN THE PROSECUTION OF A CONTINUING APPLICATION. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PHYSICALLY REMOVE THE PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM THE FOLDERS AND TRANSFER THEM TO THE CONTINUING APPLICATION. THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO REQUEST TRANSFER, RETRIEVE THE FOLDERS, MAKE SUITABLE RECORD NOTATIONS, TRANSFER THE CERTIFIED COPIES, ENTER AND MAKE A RECORD OF SUCH COPIES IN THE CONTINUING APPLICATION ARE SUBSTANTIAL. ACCORDINGLY, THE PRIORITY DOCUMENTS IN FOLDERS OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE NATIONAL STAGE MAY NOT BE RELIED ON. NOTICE OF APRIL 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 TO 46).

19. Maintenance of Coadependency of Prior Application

NOTE: THE PTO FINDS IT USEFUL IF A COPY OF THE PETITION FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION EXTENDING THE TERM FOR RESPONSE IS FILED WITH THE PAPERS CONSTITUTING THE FILING OF THE CONTINUATION APPLICATION. NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

A. ☐ Extension of time in prior application

(This item MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE PAPERS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION IF THE PERIOD SET IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION HAS RUN)

☐ A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending prior application until _____.

☐ A copy of the petition filed in prior application is attached

B. [] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

(complete this item if previous item not applicable)

[] A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending prior application.

[] A copy of the conditional petition filed in the prior application is attached

20. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

NOTE: IF THE CONTINUATION, CONTINUATION-IN-PART, OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION IS FILED BY LESS THAN ALL THE INVENTORS NAMED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION A STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION WHEN FILED REQUESTING DELETION OF THE NAMES OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVENTORS OF THE INVENTION BEING CLAIMED IN THE CONTINUATION, CONTINUATION-IN-PART, OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION. 37 CFR 1.62(A) [EMPHASIS ADDED]. (DEALING WITH THE FILE WRAPPER CONTINUATION SITUATION).

NOTE: IN THE CASE OF A CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION WHICH ADDS AND CLAIMS ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE BY AMENDMENT, AN OATH OR DECLARATION AS REQUIRED BY S 1.63 MUST BE FILED. IN THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE A NEW OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO ADDITIONAL SUBJECT MATTER BEING CLAIMED, ADDITIONAL INVENTORS MAY BE NAMED IN THE CONTINUING APPLICATION. IN A CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION WHICH DISCLOSES AND CLAIMS ONLY SUBJECT MATTER DISCLOSED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION, NO ADDITIONAL OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED AND THE APPLICATION MUST NAME AS INVENTORS THE SAME OR LESS THAN ALL THE INVENTORS IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION. 37 CFR 1.60(C). (DEALING WITH THE CONTINUATION SITUATION).

(complete applicable item (a), (b) and/or (c) below)

(a) [] This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application are

[] the same.

[] the following inventor(s) have been deleted:

(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)

[] the following inventor(s) have been added:

(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added)

(b) [] This application discloses and claims additional disclosure and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application the inventor(s) in this application are

[] the same.

[] the following inventor(s) have been deleted:

(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)

[] the following inventor(s) have been added:

(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added)

(c) The inventorship for all the claims in this application are

☒ the same.

☐ not the same, and an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made

☐ is submitted.

☐ will be submitted.

21. Abandonment of Prior Application (if applicable)

☐ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

NOTE: ACCORDING TO THE NOTICE OF MAY 13, 1983 (103, TMOG 6-7) THE FILING OF A CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION IS A PROPER RESPONSE WITH RESPECT TO A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OR A PETITION TO REVIVE AND SHOULD INCLUDE THE EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF THE PRIOR APPLICATION CONDITIONED UPON THE GRANTING OF THE PETITION AND THE GRANTING OF A FILING DATE TO THE CONTINUING APPLICATION.

22. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment

WARNING: THE CLAIMS OF A NEW APPLICATION MAY BE FINALLY REJECTED IN THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE (1) THE NEW APPLICATION IS A CONTINUING APPLICATION OF, OR A SUBSTITUTE FOR, AN EARLIER APPLICATION, AND (2) ALL THE CLAIMS OF THE NEW APPLICATION (A) ARE DRAWN TO THE SAME INVENTION CLAIMED IN THE EARLIER APPLICATION, AND (B) WOULD HAVE BEEN PROPERLY FINALLY REJECTED ON THE GROUNDS OF ART OF RECORD IN THE NEXT OFFICE ACTION IF THEY HAD BEEN ENTERED IN THE EARLIER APPLICATION." MPEP, S 706.07(B).

NOTE: WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CLAIMS ON FILE WILL GIVE RISE TO A FIRST ACTION FINAL FOR THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION AND FOR SOME REASON AN AMENDMENT CANNOT BE FILED PROMPTLY (E.G., EXPERIMENTAL DATA IS BEING GATHERED) IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO FILE A PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION FOR THE TIME NECESSARY.

(check the next item, if applicable)

☐ There is provided herewith a Petition To Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently)